

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**In Re: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS
ANTITRUST LITIGATION**

2:12-md-02311-SFC-RSW
Honorable Sean F. Cox

In Re: Electric Powered Steering Assemblies
In Re: Shock Absorbers

Case No. 2:13-cv-01905
Case No. 2:15-cv-03305

THIS RELATES TO:
State Attorneys General

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
ex rel. Rob Bonta,
Attorney General of the State of California**

Case No. 2:21-cv-11524

Plaintiffs,

**Complaint for Damages, Civil Penalties,
and Injunctive Relief
Demand for Jury Trial**

v.

**Showa Corporation and
American Showa, Inc.**

Defendants.

The State of California; through Rob Bonta, the Attorney General, in his official capacity as the chief law enforcement officer of the State of California, files this complaint against Showa Corporation and American Showa, Inc. (collectively, "Defendants" or "Showa"), and alleges:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. Defendants and their co-conspirators conspired to suppress and eliminate competition by agreeing to rig bids for, and to fix, stabilize, and maintain the price of Electric Powered Steering Assemblies and Shock Absorbers ("Relevant Parts"). These price-fixed parts were installed in automobiles purchased by Plaintiffs.

2. For the duration of the conspiracies, from at least as early as 2007 and continuing through at least September 2012, the exact dates being unknown to Plaintiffs, Defendants' actions resulted in fixing, stabilizing, and maintaining prices for the Relevant Parts. Due to Defendants' unlawful conduct, the State of California and its state agencies were deprived of open and fair competition when purchasing the Relevant Parts and paid higher-than-competitive prices for such parts and for automobiles installed with them.
3. Competition authorities in the United States, the European Union, and Japan have been investigating a number of conspiracies involving automotive parts since at least February 2010. On April 23, 2014, the United States Department of Justice announced that Showa Corporation pleaded guilty and agreed to pay a criminal fine of \$19.9 million for its role in a conspiracy to rig bids for, and to fix, stabilize, and maintain the prices of Electric Powered Steering Assemblies.
4. Defendants and their co-conspirators affected millions of dollars of commerce. The State of California, California businesses, and consumers suffered antitrust injury to their business or property due to Defendants' conspiracies to suppress and eliminate competition by agreeing to rig bids for, and to fix, stabilize, and maintain prices and artificially inflate prices for the Relevant Parts during the duration of the conspiracies.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. Plaintiffs bring this action to secure damages, permanent injunctive relief, civil penalties, and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Section 4 (15 U.S.C. § 15) and Section 16 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. §26) for violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15

U.S.C. §1), as well as sections 16720 and 17200 *et seq.* of the California Business and Professions Code.

6. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of all causes of action alleged in this Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1337. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 because Plaintiffs' state law claims are so related to the federal question claims that they form part of the same case or controversy that would ordinarily be tried in one judicial proceeding.
7. Venue is proper in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, pursuant to Section 12 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. § 22), and 28 U.S.C. § 1391. Defendants transact business in the United States, including in this district, committed an illegal act, or are found in this district, and a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims arose in this district.

PARTIES

Plaintiffs

8. The State of California is authorized to file Count I under 15 U.S.C. §§ 15 and 26 to enjoin Defendants from the violations alleged herein.
9. The Attorney General brings this action on behalf of the Plaintiffs the State of California, including California state agencies, for damages, civil penalties, injunctive, and equitable relief.
10. The Attorney General of California is the chief legal officer of the State of California and the enforcement authority of section 16720 and 17200 *et seq.* of the California Business and Professions Code, and is authorized to file Counts II, III, and IV. As California's

chief law enforcement officer, the Attorney General enforces California's antitrust laws, including the Cartwright Act. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16700 - 16770. The Attorney General is specifically authorized to obtain injunctive and other equitable relief, restitution, and civil penalties to redress unfair, unlawful, and fraudulent business practices. *See* Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17203, 17204, 17206.

Defendants

11. Defendant Showa Corporation is a Japanese corporation with its principal place of business in Saitama, Japan. Defendant American Showa, Inc. is an Ohio corporation with its principal place of business in Sunbury, Ohio.

Co-Conspirators and Agents

12. Various persons, partnerships, sole proprietors, firms, corporations and individuals not named as defendants in this lawsuit, and individuals, the identities of which are presently unknown, have participated as co-conspirators with the Defendants in the offenses alleged in this Complaint, and have performed acts and made statements in furtherance of the conspiracies or in furtherance of the anticompetitive conduct.
13. Plaintiffs reserve the right to name some or all of the persons or entities who acted as co-conspirators with Defendants in the alleged offenses as Defendants.
14. Any reference in this Complaint to any act, deed, or transaction by a corporation means that the corporation engaged in the act, deed, or transaction by or through its officers, directors, agents, employees, or representatives while they were actively engaged in the management, direction, control, or transaction of the corporation's business or affairs.

15. Defendants are also liable for acts of companies they acquired through mergers or acquisitions which are done in furtherance of the alleged conspiracies.
16. Defendants named herein acted as the agent or joint venture of or for the other co-conspirators with respect to the acts, violations, and common course of conduct alleged herein.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

17. Defendants engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling the Relevant Parts to automobile manufacturers for installation in vehicles manufactured and sold in the United States and elsewhere. Electric Powered Steering Assemblies, which are defined to include electric power steering motors, provide electric power to assist the driver to more easily steer the automobile. Electric Powered Steering Assemblies link the steering wheel to the tires, and include the column, intermediate shaft, and electronic control unit, among other parts, but do not include the steering wheel or tires. “Pinion-Assist Type Electric Powered Steering Assemblies” provide power to the steering gear pinion shaft from electric motors to assist the driver to more easily steer the automobile. Pinion-Assist Type Electric Powered Steering Assemblies include an electronic control unit and link the steering wheel to the tires but do not include the column, intermediate shaft, steering wheel or tires. Pinion-Assist Type Electric Powered Steering Assemblies are a subset of Electric Powered Steering Assemblies. The term Electric Powered Steering Assemblies, as used in this Complaint, includes Pinion-Assist Type Electric Powered Steering Assemblies as well as all component parts of the assemblies, including the steering column, intermediate shaft, electronic control unit, and electric power steering motor (but not the steering wheel or tires).

18. Shock Absorbers are hydraulic or mechanical parts of automobile suspension systems.

They are installed between the body frame of an automobile and the tires, and along with springs, they absorb and dissipate vibration generated during a drive.

19. The Relevant Parts are installed by original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”) in vehicles as part of the automotive manufacturing process.

20. For vehicles, the OEMs – mostly large automotive manufacturers such as Ford Motor Company, Toyota Motor Corporation, General Motors Corp., etc. – purchase the Relevant Parts directly from Defendants. The Relevant Parts may also be purchased by component manufacturers who then supply such systems to OEMs. These component manufacturers are also called “Tier 1 Manufacturers” in the industry. Tier 1 Manufacturers supply Relevant Parts directly to an OEM.

21. During the period of conspiracies, Defendants manufactured the Relevant Parts (a) in the United States for installation in vehicles manufactured and sold in the United States, (b) in Japan and elsewhere for export to the United States and installation in vehicles manufactured and sold in the United States, and/or (c) in Japan for installation in vehicles manufactured in Japan for export to and sale in the United States.

22. Automobile manufacturers issue Requests for Quotation (“RFQs”) to automotive parts suppliers on a model-by-model basis when they purchase Relevant Parts. Automotive parts suppliers, including Defendants, submit quotations to automobile manufacturers in response to RFQs. The winning bidder supplies parts to the automobile manufacturers for the lifespan of the car model, usually lasting four to six years. The bidding process for a certain car model starts approximately three years prior to the start of production.

23. Defendants sold the Relevant Parts to multiple automobile manufacturers, which installed them in automobiles made and sold in the United States and elsewhere.

Structural Characteristics of the Automotive Parts Market

24. The structural characteristics of the automotive parts market are conducive to a price-fixing agreement, and have made collusion particularly attractive in this market. These characteristics include high barriers to entry and inelastic demand.
25. There are substantial barriers to entry in the markets for the Relevant Parts. It would require substantial initial costs associated with manufacturing plants and equipment, energy, transportation, distribution infrastructure, skilled labor, and long standing relationships with customers. These costs are considered high barriers to entry thereby making market entry more difficult if not altogether precluding it.
26. Due to high barriers to entry, incumbent firms have incentive to collude and keep supra-competitive prices. High barriers to entry also facilitate the maintenance of collusion since incumbents do not face the risk of new entrants engaging in price competition.
27. “Elasticity” is a term used in economics to describe the sensitivity of supply and demand to changes in the price. Demand for a certain product is “inelastic” when an increase in price of the product creates only a small change in the quantity demanded of that product. Consumers of the product whose demand is inelastic would continue to buy it despite a price increase.
28. When customers are not sensitive to a price increase, a cartel can increase price and maintain relatively level sales volume. Thus, it could continue to keep supra-competitive prices with relatively stable demand and increase profit.

Government Investigations

29. The United States Department of Justice ("Department of Justice"), as well as authorities in the European Union and Japan, started global, industry-wide investigations into possible violations of the antitrust laws in the auto parts industry in 2010. The complete scope of the investigations is unknown.
30. The Department of Justice publicly announced aspects of the investigation when FBI agents raided the offices and factories of suspected companies. Since the raids, the investigation has continued to this date. So far 46 companies have been convicted and collective fines total more than \$2.9 billion.
31. On May 28, 2014 Showa Corporation entered into a plea agreement with the United States Department of Justice, pleading guilty to one count for violating Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. §1) by conspiring to restrain trade. It also agreed to pay a \$19.9 million criminal fine. According to the plea agreement, Showa Corporation participated in a conspiracy to suppress and eliminate competition in the automotive parts industry by agreeing to fix prices and rig bids for certain pinion assist type Electric Powered Steering Assemblies sold to Honda Motor Co., Ltd. and certain of its subsidiaries in the United States and elsewhere, in violation of the Sherman Act.
32. In furtherance of the conspiracies, Showa Corporation, through its officers and employees, engaged in discussions and attended meetings with representatives of other companies involved in the manufacture and sale of the Relevant Parts. During such discussions and meetings, agreements were reached to allocate automobile manufacturers to whom each would sell the Relevant parts, rig bids quoted to automobile manufacturers

for the Relevant Parts, and to fix stabilize, and maintain the prices of the Relevant Parts sold to automobile manufacturers in the United States and elsewhere.

Trade and Commerce

33. During the period of conspiracies, Defendants and their co-conspirators sold the Relevant Parts to automobile manufacturers located in various states in the United States in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate and foreign trade and commerce. In addition, equipment and supplies necessary to the production and distribution of the Relevant Parts sold by Defendants and their co-conspirators, as well as payments for such parts sold by Defendants and its co-conspirators, traveled in interstate and foreign trade and commerce.
34. Plaintiffs purchased a substantial volume of automobiles and trucks. A substantial volume of vehicles containing the Relevant Parts manufactured by Defendants and their co-conspirators were sold to California state agencies, California businesses, and California consumers.
35. The anticompetitive was acts were intentionally directed at the United States markets for the Relevant Parts because Defendants and their co-conspirators intentionally sold them to automobile manufacturers which in turn sold vehicles in the United States and in the State of California. The business activities of Defendants and their co-conspirators in connection with the production and sale of the Relevant Parts that were the subject of these conspiracies were within the flow of, and substantially affected, interstate and foreign trade and commerce.

The Pass-Through of Overcharges to Consumers

36. Defendants and their co-conspirators' conspiracies to fix, stabilize, and maintain the prices of Relevant Parts at artificial levels resulted in harm to Plaintiffs because they resulted in Plaintiffs paying higher prices for such parts and automobiles installed with them than they would have paid in the absence of the conspiracies. The entire overcharges at issue were passed on to the State of California.

Fraudulent Concealment

37. Throughout the period of conspiracies, Defendants and co-conspirators affirmatively and fraudulently concealed their unlawful conduct from Plaintiffs.

38. Even though Plaintiffs exercised reasonable diligence, they could not discover the violations of law alleged in this Complaint until long after the commencement of their conspiracies.

39. The Department of Justice began investigation into conspiracies in the auto part industry as early as 2010, but the complete scope of products and companies involved in the conspiracies has not been disclosed to the public yet.

40. Defendants' participation in the conspiracies and their conduct in furtherance of the goals of the conspiracies were not publicly known until the Department of Justice announced the plea agreement with Defendant Showa Corporation on or about April 23, 2014.

41. Plaintiffs could not have discovered the violations earlier than that time because Defendants and co-conspirators conducted their conspiracies in secret, concealed the nature of their unlawful conduct and acts in furtherance of the goals of the conspiracies, and fraudulently concealed their activities through various means and methods designed to avoid detection.

42. Defendants and their co-conspirators successfully and affirmatively concealed the nature of their conspiracies and unlawful conduct in furtherance of the conspiracies in at least the following respects:

- a. By agreeing among themselves to meet at locations where the conspiracies were less likely to be detected;
- b. By agreeing among themselves to engage in illegal bid-rigging and price-fixing conspiracies, which is by its nature self-concealing; and
- c. By agreeing among themselves to keep the existence of the conspiracies secret, including the usage of secret code names.

43. Plaintiffs had no knowledge of the alleged conspiracies or of any facts or information that might have led to the discovery of the conspiracies in the exercise of reasonable diligence, at least prior to April 23, 2014 when the Department of Justice announced the plea agreement with Showa Corporation.

44. Defendants and their co-conspirators' effective, affirmative, and fraudulent concealment effectively prevented timely detection by Plaintiffs, and was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

Injury

45. But for Defendants and their co-conspirators' anticompetitive acts, Plaintiffs would have been able to purchase automobiles that incorporated the Relevant Parts at lower prices or at prices that were determined by free and open competition.

46. Defendants and their co-conspirators' unlawful activities took place within interstate and foreign trade and commerce, and had direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable effect on United States and California commerce.

47. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct alleged in this Complaint, Plaintiffs were not able to purchase the Relevant Parts and automobiles installed with them at prices that were determined by free and open competition. Consequently, Plaintiffs have been injured because they paid more than they would have paid in a free and open competitive market. There is a domestic injury that is concrete, quantifiable, and directly traceable back to the Defendants' and their co-conspirators' anticompetitive conduct.

48. As Plaintiffs paid more than what they would have paid absent the conspiracies, Defendants' and their co-conspirators' conduct has resulted in deadweight loss to the economy of the State of California, including reduced output, higher prices, and reduction in consumer welfare.

49. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators benefitted unjustly from the supra-competitive and artificially inflated prices. The unjust financial profits on the sale of the Relevant Parts resulted from their illegal and anticompetitive conduct.

VIOLATIONS ALLEGED

Count I

(Violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act)

50. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and allege as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint with the same meaning, force, and effect.

51. Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in conspiracies which unreasonably restrained the trade or commerce among the several States and with foreign nations; thus,

their conduct violates Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. §1). The State of California is entitled to relief resulting from the Defendants' conduct.

52. Defendants and their co-conspirators entered into continuing agreements, understandings, and conspiracies to raise, fix, maintain, and stabilize prices charged for the Relevant Parts during the period of conspiracies.
53. Their unlawful conduct in furtherance of the conspiracies was intentionally directed at the United States markets for the Relevant Parts and had a substantial and foreseeable effect on interstate commerce by raising and fixing prices of such parts in the United States.
54. The State of California has been injured by being forced to pay artificially inflated prices for the Relevant Parts and automobiles installed with such parts than they would have paid in the absence of the conspiracies.
55. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs have been harmed and will continue to be damaged by being forced to pay supra-competitive prices that they would not have paid in the absence of the Defendants' conduct.
56. The alleged contracts, combinations, or conspiracies are per se violations of the federal antitrust laws.
57. Unless permanently restrained and enjoined, Defendants will continue to unreasonably restrain fair and open competition for the Relevant Parts. Plaintiffs are entitled to an injunction against Defendants to prevent and restrain the violations alleged herein.

Count II

(Violation of the Cartwright Act, Business & Professions Code Section 16720)

58. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and allege as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint with the same meaning, force, and effect.
59. From at least as early as 2007 through at least September 2012, the exact dates being unknown to Plaintiffs, Defendants and their co-conspirators entered into and engaged in continuing unlawful trusts for the purpose of unreasonably restraining trade in violation of California Business and Professional Code section 16720.
60. Defendants and their co-conspirators violated California Business and Professional Code section 16720 by forming continuing unlawful trusts and arranging concerted actions among Defendants and their co-conspirators in order to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize prices of the Relevant Parts.
61. In furtherance of the goals of the conspiracies, Defendants and their co-conspirators conspired to:
- a. fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the price of the Relevant Parts;
 - b. submit rigged bids for the award of Relevant Parts contracts for automobile manufacturers; and
 - c. allocate markets for the Relevant Parts amongst themselves.
62. The combinations and conspiracies alleged herein have had, *inter alia*, the following effects:
- a. price competition in the sale of the Relevant Parts has been restrained, suppressed, and/or eliminated in the State of California;

- b. prices for the Relevant Parts sold by Defendants and their co-conspirators have been fixed, raised, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high and non-competitive levels in the State of California; and
- c. Plaintiffs who purchased automobiles installed with price-fixed Relevant Parts have been deprived of the benefit of free and open competition.

63. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants and their co-conspirators' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs were injured in their business and property because they paid more for the Relevant Parts and automobiles installed with such price-fixed parts than they would have paid in the absence of Defendants' and their co-conspirators' unlawful conduct. As a result of Defendants' and their co-conspirators' violation of section 16720 of the California Business and Professions Code, Plaintiffs bring this claim pursuant to section 16750(c) and seek treble damages and the costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to section 16750(a) of the California Business and Professions Code. The California Attorney General is entitled to fines and civil penalties to the maximum extent permitted by law under California Business and Professions Code section 16755. The California Attorney General may also obtain injunctive relief under California Business and Professions Code section 16754.5.

Count III

(Violation of the Unfair Competition Law, Business and Professions Code Section 17200)

64. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and allege as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint with the same meaning, force, and effect.

65. From at least as early as 2007 and through at least September 2012, the exact dates being unknown to Plaintiffs, Defendants and their co-conspirators committed acts of unfair competition, as defined by sections 17200, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code.
66. The acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices, and non-disclosures of Defendants and their co-conspirators, as alleged herein, constituted a common continuing conduct of unfair competition including unfair, unlawful and fraudulent business practices within the meaning of section 17200, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code, including, but not limited to, the following:
- a. The violations of section 16720, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code, set forth above, constitute unlawful acts within the meaning of section 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code;
 - b. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices, and nondisclosures, as described above, whether or not in violation of section 16720, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code, and whether or not concerted or independent acts, are otherwise unfair, unconscionable, unlawful, or fraudulent;
 - c. Defendants' acts and practices are unfair to consumers of the Relevant Parts and of automobiles installed with price-fixed parts in the State of California, within the meaning of section 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code;
 - d. Defendants' acts and practices are fraudulent or deceptive within the meaning of section 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code; and
 - e. Defendants' actions to solicit others to join the conspiracies to suppress and eliminate competition by agreeing to rig bids for, and to fix, stabilize, and

maintain prices and/or artificially inflate prices for the Released Parts, whether successful or not, are unfair business practices within the meaning of section 17200, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code.

67. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants and their co-conspirators caused Plaintiffs to pay supra-competitive and artificially inflated prices for the Relevant Parts and automobiles installed with such parts. Plaintiffs were injured in their business and property because they paid more than they would have paid in the absence of Defendants' and their co-conspirators' unlawful conduct.
68. The California Attorney General is entitled to recover civil penalties for the violations alleged in this Complaint not to exceed \$2,500 for each violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17206.

Count IV

Unjust Enrichment

69. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and allege as if fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint with the same meaning, force, and effect.
70. Plaintiffs were deprived of economic benefit because Defendants' and their co-conspirators' anticompetitive conduct created supra-competitive and artificially inflated prices for the Relevant Parts.
71. Defendants and their co-conspirators enjoyed unjust financial profits which were derived from unlawful overcharges and monopoly profits. Their financial profits are economically traceable to overpayments for the Relevant Parts by Plaintiffs.

72. The supra-competitive and artificially inflated price for the Relevant Parts, and unlawful monopoly profits enjoyed by Defendants and their co-conspirators are a direct and proximate result of Defendants' and their co-conspirators' unlawful practices.
73. It would lead to injustice if Defendants and their co-conspirators could retain any of the unlawful financial profits that are a direct and proximate result of their engagement in unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent conduct.
74. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by Defendants' and their co-conspirators' unfair competition. Plaintiffs are accordingly entitled to equitable relief including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation and benefits which may have been obtained by Defendants' and their co-conspirators' engagement in unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent conduct.
75. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have been unjustly enriched as a result of their unlawful and anticompetitive conduct. Under sections 17203 and 17204 of the California Business and Professions Code, Plaintiffs are accordingly entitled to an injunction against Defendants in order to restrain the violations alleged herein and to equitable relief which includes restitution of money or property which may have been acquired by means of Defendants' and their co-conspirators' unfair and anticompetitive conduct. Plaintiffs are also entitled to civil penalties to the maximum extent permitted by law pursuant to section 17206, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code.

Prayer for Relief

76. Accordingly, Plaintiffs request that this Court:

- a. Adjudge and decree that Defendants violated the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. §1);
- b. Adjudge and decree that Defendants' contracts, conspiracies, or combinations constitute illegal and unreasonable restraints of trade in violation of the Cartwright Act, section 16720, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code;
- c. Adjudge and decree that Defendants' contracts, conspiracies, or combinations violate the Unfair Competition Law, section 17200, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code;
- d. Award to Plaintiffs the maximum amount permitted under the relevant federal antitrust law;
- e. Award to Plaintiffs damages, trebled, in an amount according to proof pursuant to section 16750, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code;
- f. Award to Plaintiffs the deadweight loss (i.e. the general damage to the economy of the State of California) resulting from Defendants' illegal activities;
- g. Award to Plaintiffs restitution, including disgorgement of profits obtained by Defendant as a result of their acts of unjust enrichment, or any acts in violation of federal and state antitrust or consumer protection statutes and laws, including section 17200, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code;
- h. Award to Plaintiffs pre- and post-judgment interest, and that the interest be awarded at the highest legal rate from and after the date of service of the initial complaint in this action;
- i. Award Plaintiffs the maximum civil penalties under section 17206 of the California Business and Professions Code for each violation of California

Business and Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*, as set forth in this Complaint;

- j. Award Plaintiffs the maximum fines and civil penalties under section 16755 of the California Business and Professions Code for each violation of California Business and Professions Code section 16720, *et seq.*, as set forth in this Complaint;
- k. Enjoin and restrain, pursuant to federal and state law, Defendants, their affiliates, assignees, subsidiaries, successors, and transferees, and their officers, directors, partners, agents and employees, and all other persons acting or claiming to act on their behalf or in concert with them, from continuing to engage in any anticompetitive conduct and from adopting in the future any practice, plan, program, or device having a similar purpose or effect to the anticompetitive actions set forth above;
- l. Award to Plaintiffs their costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- m. Order other legal and equitable relief as it may deem just and proper, including such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper to redress, and prevent recurrence of, the alleged violation in order to dissipate the anticompetitive effects of Defendants' violations, and to restore competition.

Jury Trial Demanded

77. Plaintiffs demand trial by jury for all causes of action, claims, or issues in this action which are triable as a matter of right to a jury.

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